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BOLTON, HERBERT EUGENE. (trans.) *Athanase De Mézières and the Louisiana-Texas Frontier, 1768-1780; Documents published for the first time, from the original Spanish and French manuscripts, chiefly in the archives of Mexico and Spain; translated into English; edited and annotated.* (2 vols.) Pp. 743. Price, \$10.00. Cleveland: Arthur H. Clark Company, 1914.

Professor Bolton has creditably performed a difficult task in selecting from a mass of material respecting De Mézières some fifty-two documents covering a wide range of this interesting Frenchman's activities. De Mézières, though belonging to the former régime, served Spain so well at the time of the transfer of Louisiana to that nation that Spain proposed to reward him with the governorship of Texas. He was an explorer of the territory between Louisiana and Texas, and his efforts to promote the mutual advantages of these provinces and to win the Indians to support the new policy of Spain were important in the attempt to check English advance. The documents deal with Indian troubles in Texas, joint campaigns of Louisiana and Texas forces against the Osages and Apaches, the expeditions of 1778 and 1779, and with recommendations for reforms in the province of Texas. The editor's introduction, which covers 126 of the 351 pages of the first volume, and his notes give evidence of his care in the execution of this work which is the first in a proposed series of original documents from foreign archives relating to Spain in the West.